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MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, February 16TH, 2006

Present: Jean Bonander, Chair
Ron Downing, alternate
Andy Preston
Hamid Shamsapour
Karen Nygren
Mervin Giacomini
Bob Brown
Rocky Birdsey
Mike DiGiorgio
Bob Beaumont, alternate

Absent: Amy Van Doren
Luke McCann

Staff Members Present: Craig Tackabery, Marin County Assistant Public Works
Director
Hank Haugse, Nolte Associates
David Parisi, Parisi Associates

Chair Bonander called the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

1. Introductions

Committee members and staff did self-introductions.

2. Staff Comments

Craig Tackabery informed the TAC members about the new TAM web page and distributed an announcement for an Open House for the Central San Rafael Highway 101 Carpool Lane Gap Closure Project.

He also mentioned that under the By Laws, the TAC Chair or appointee should present the TAC recommendations for Crossing Guard locations to the TAM Board at their February 23rd Board meeting.

3. Committee Member Comments

Mervin Giacomini requested that the TAC members receive information prior to the TAC meetings if possible versus staff distributing information at the meeting.

Rocky Birdsey requested that TAM consider the use of existing crossing guards in the implementation of the Crossing Guard program.

4. Open Time for Public Expression

None.

5. Consent Calendar

Meeting Minutes

Karen Nygren stated that her statement regarding the overriding goal of the Expenditure Plan (Agenda item 6, Strategy 3, Major Roads and Related Infrastructure) should include reducing congestion and that the TAC “should consider mobility and reducing congestion when we consider the performance criterion.”

M/S DiGiorgio/Brown to approve the January 16, 2006 meeting minutes as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Measure A Strategy 3, Major Roads and Related Infrastructure

Craig Tackabery reviewed the prioritization methodology and the schedule. The performance criteria definitions and the preliminary Data Table/Evaluation Matrix were distributed. Staff reviewed the three performance criterion scoring systems, one with weighting agreed upon at the January 19th TAC meeting, the MPWA weighting and the non-weighted system. The Data received from the Public Works directors and the Evaluation Matrix was also reviewed.

The TAC members requested information on the next steps once agreement was reached on the priority segments. Craig Tackabery explained that the project sponsors for the priority segments will develop a scope of work for the projects and the projects will be included in the Strategic Plan. He also stated that the Strategic Plan will be updated every two years.

Mike DiGiorgio stated that he was concerned that South Novato Blvd. was identified as the first priority, when there were other major roadways in Novato that were more critical and congested.

Karen Nygren asked about the remaining two performance criteria, the matching funds and the geographic equity. Craig Tackabery stated that in the performance criteria definitions, these two criteria were identified as a Phase II evaluation. In addition, the five planning area allocations would make sure that funds are distributed equitably.

Jean Bonander stated that each city/town and the county would be receiving local roadway funds, in addition to the Major Road funds, under Strategy 3.

Andy Preston stated that some of the segments were very long and that shorter segments would be developed into construction packages. The long segments included a variety of PCI's.

Jean Bonander stated that projects will need to look to other funding sources in addition to TAM funding.

Hamid Shamsapour stated that the Ross Valley Planning Area did not include information from Corte Madera, and that the ranking based on MPWA and TAC systems was similar and reflected the partnership of the two groups.

Jean Bonander stated that the prioritization process will take place again with future Strategic Plan updates. All the Measure A money will not be available at one time.

The TAC members discussed averaging the MPWA and TAC weighting criteria. It was concluded that the two systems would be retained. It was acknowledged that the use of the two weighting criteria will need to be explained in detail to the TAM Board. The TAC also agreed that the non-weighted criteria would not be used.

Jean Bonander recommended that the TAC wait to take action at the March meeting, allowing Novato and Corte Madera to review and provide updated information.

Andy Preston asked if one planning area could borrow funding from another planning area. Craig Tackabery said that borrowing funds was possible; however, the plan percentages must be followed over the long term.

Jean Bonander suggested that a special meeting be held if information from Novato and Corte Madera was obtained in time.

Craig Tackabery stated that following prioritization of the projects, the project sponsors would be requested to provide project descriptions to the TAC for review.

Open Discussion

None.

7. Adjourn to March 16, 2006 meeting

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm